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25X1 PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GENERAL CARTER OR MR. KNOCH
SOONEST ON THEIR ARRIVAL [REDACTED] EYES ONLY, IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.
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DR. WHEELON SENDS. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE WE PROPOSE TO SEND
TO [REDACTED] REQUEST YOUR REVIEW AND PERMISSION FOR RELEASE.
25X1 WE FEEL IT IMPERATIVE THAT [REDACTED] HAVE AUTHORITY FOR PROPOSED
DISCUSSION WITH [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE MOST
25X1 CONCERNED THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SA-2 SITES TO COMMUNITY COULD
RESULT IN [REDACTED] PRIOR ANY [REDACTED]
AWAIT YOUR REPLY.

25X1 "1. APPRECIATE DETAILED, INFORMATIVE AND TIMELY
ACCOUNT OF [REDACTED] TO LOSS OF MISSION C-025-C.

25X1 "2. THE QUESTION OF [REDACTED] AFTER
1300 WHICH BOTHERS [REDACTED] HAS ALSO BEEN OF MAJOR CONCERN TO US. LITTLE

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CONSTRUCTIVE EVIDENCE CAN BE DERIVED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN TIME FOR A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE [REDACTED] TAPES WHICH WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THEIR RECEIPT IN HEADQUARTERS. AT THE MOMENT, AND WITHOUT HAVING HEARD THE TAPES, SURFACE SPECULATION BASED UPON

[REDACTED] DURING THE PERIOD 1300-1400Z WITHIN THE ENVELOPE OF THE INCIDENT, CONCEIVABLY MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THIS QUESTION. THE PRELIMINARY FEELING HERE IS THAT ANY [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANTLY MAJOR TECHNICAL CHANGE AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE 25 NOVEMBER LAN CHOU ATTEMPTED SHOOTDOWN AND THE 10 JANUARY LOSS.

25X1 3. AS WAS SUGGESTED IN [REDACTED] MESSAGE OF 12 JAN. ALL ELEMENTS CONCERNED IN [REDACTED] ARE UNDERTAKING INTENSIVE STUDY OF NOT ONLY SUCH POSSIBILITIES AS ARE SUGGESTED BY PARA 2. REF. BUT CONSTRUCTIVELY TO SEE IF THERE ARE NOW CHANGES IN [REDACTED] WHICH 25X1 COULD BE USEFULLY MADE IN THE NEAR TERM SO AS TO ANTICIPATE TACTICAL CHANGES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED] THERE ARE 25X1 ALSO SEVERAL LONG TERM POSSIBILITIES, STUDY OF WHICH HAD BEGUN PRIOR TO 10 JAN. WHICH SHOW PROMISE IN GIVING ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION ON [REDACTED]

25X1 4. RE PARA 3. REF, THE AFTERNOON OF 10 JANUARY HQS OBTAINED COMOR CONCURRENCE IN TARGETING THE NEXT KH SYSTEM FLIGHT ON THE

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PAO TOU AREA AND A REQUEST FOR SUCH COVERAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE ODUNIT CONTROL CENTER WITHIN 8 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION OF THE LOSS. AT THE SAME TIME [] WAS REQUESTED TO COMMENCE AN INTENSIVE, DETAILED, ANALYTIC STUDY OF ALL AVAILABLE MATERIALS ON THE PAO TOU AREA WITH FOCUS SHARPENED ON THE REGION OF THE LAST REPORTED ACFT POSITION. BY THE EARLY EVENING OF 11 JAN [] HAD SUCCESSFULLY IDENTIFIED NOT ONE BUT ~~SEE~~ TWO HIGHLY SUSPECT AND VERY PROBABLY OPERATIONAL SAM SITES IN THE PAO TOU AREA, ONE OF WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 48 NM EAST OF THE CITY WITH THE SECOND SITUATED SOME 26 NM SOUTHEAST THEREOF. MISSION TRACK [] TERMINATED WITHIN THE LETHAL CIRCLES WHICH OVERLAPPED FROM BOTH SITES. THIS MAY WELL EXPLAIN THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH THE CHICOMS WERE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE LOSS WHEN COUPLED WITH THE GOOD ACTUAL PREVAILING WEATHER AND WITH THE FACT THAT NIGHT-TIME SHOOT DOWNS ARE INITIALLY THE MORE

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EASY TO VERIFY THAN ARE THOSE IN DAYLIGHT WHERE SUN OR WEATHER MAY COMBINE TO MAKE CONFIRMATION MORE DIFFICULT.

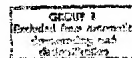
5. THE SAM SITES MENTIONED ABOVE WERE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO VERIFY FOR THE MOST PART BECAUSE THEY DID NOT FOLLOW THE TRADITIONAL SIGNATURE AND THEIR OPERATIONAL STATUS WAS DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE SCALE OF THE COVERAGE. [] HAD SEARCHED THE AREA BEFORE WITHOUT FINDING THEM. HOWEVER, ONCE THEY WERE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE SAME LOCATION IN PRIOR PHOTOGRAPHY DISCLOSED EVIDENCE OF THEIR EXISTENCE GOING BACK AT LEAST TO [] IN VARYING STAGES OF COMPLETION. THEY WERE POSITIVELY NEGATED IN THE ONLY PRIOR COVERAGE OF PAO TOU BY KH SYSTEMS IN [] AT APPROX THE SAME TIME IN [] THE LAST TACKLE MSN TO PAO TOU WAS FLOWN SUCCESSFULLY AND WITHOUT THE SAME EVIDENCE OF SAM ACTIVITY.

6. WE ARE BEING COMPLETELY FRANK WITH YOU IN TELLING THE

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CHRONOLOGY OF THESE FINDINGS SO AS TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER INFORMATION BASE FROM WHICH TO GAUGE YOUR TACTICS

INFORMATION ABOUT THE

EXISTENCE OF THESE SAMs HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON A NOFORN HOLDDOWN BASIS TO THE NORMAL KH CONSUMER COMMUNITY, INCLUDING CINCPAC, CINCPAC FLT, PACAF, AND COMNAVFORIAP. THIS WAS

THE JOB OF SEARCH AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE

KH SYSTEMS OVER A COUNTRY AS LARGE AS MAINLAND CHINA IS, AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN, AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ONE. THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF NOT HAVING FOUND THESE KEY INSTALLATIONS IS PAINFULLY EVIDENT TO EVERYONE.

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[REDACTED] THOUGH IT

MIGHT BE WELL TO STRESS THE LIMITATIONS OF KH SYSTEMS IN
COMPARISON WITH THE MUCH HIGHER ACUITY OF THE TACKLE CAMERAS.
IT IS FOR THIS LAST REASON, OF COURSE, THAT WE REMAIN FIRM IN THE
OPINION THAT THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP OF THE TWO SYSTEMS IS THEIR
EMPLOYMENT IN A MANNER WHERE ONE SUPPLEMENTS AND ENLARGES
UPON THE OTHER.

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REASSURED OF OUR RENEWED ATTENTION AND CONCERN FOR MAXIMIZING
MISSION SAFETY. NOT ONLY THROUGH EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY ON THE
ACFT, BUT BY AN EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KH COVERAGE AND
TACKLE MISSION PLANNING. YOUR COMMENTS ARE, OF COURSE, SOLICITED.

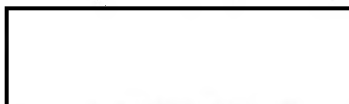
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